

FUNDER UPDATE



WHAT'S NEW?

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Strategy

- **Embarked on a 6-month strategic planning process** to 1) clarify our mission and vision, 2) coalesce our values, 3) and solidify strategic culture, program, staffing, and business plans.
- **Cultivated a more equitable organizational culture** by working with diversity consultants, exploring our patriarchal inheritance, and adopting a cultural evolution plan.
- **Initiated Shmita "slowdown" year** to be a more just and regenerative Wilderness Torah, pausing flagship festivals (Tu B'Shvat in the Redwoods, Passover in the Desert, and Shavuot)

Youth Programs

- **NEW Zrayim ("seeds") program for young families with children ages 0-5** to launch, fulfilling the youth program pipeline (made possible with generous support provided by the Rodan Family Foundation).
- **B'hootz ("outside") program for grades K-5** pivoted to 15 COVID-safe pods across Bay Area and partnered with Temple Emanu-El
- **B'naiture ("Children in Nature") for grades 6-8** started 13th season of camping trips, fire circles, rite-of-passage challenges, and parent programs.
- **Neshama ("Soul") Quest for grades 9-12** completed three backcountry trips and inspired Adult Neshama Quest, transformational experiences in the wilderness for adults
- **Hired new Youth Programs Education Director**, Itamar Cohn, who served as Lead Instructor, Course Director, and Trainer for 10 years at Outward Bound California.

370+

High holiday participants

160

Sukkot participants

100+

CEBJ participants

90

B'hootz participants

24

Neshama Quest participants

21

B'naiture participants

14

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Center for Earth-Based Judaism (CEBJ)

- **Conducted two powerful in-person design retreats** at the future site at Camp Newman, and one virtual session .
- **Engaged community members through affinity councils** to learn about the needs of marginalized groups, including JOCMS/BIPOC, LGBTQIA2S+, and People with Neurodivergence and/or Disabilities.
- **Collected substantial community data** to inform the design and partnership with Camp Newman.

Community Programs

- **Planning return of transformative community programs:**
 - Kabbalat Shabbat - Multiple 2022 dates
 - Rosh Hashanah - September 2022
 - Yom Kippur - October 2022
 - Sukkot - October 2022
 - Passover in the Desert - April 2023
- **Hired new Director of Community Programs**, Tali Weinberg, an experienced educator, cultural worker, and co-founder of the Urban Adamah farm in Berkeley, CA.

Funding Partners

- San Francisco Jewish Community Federation
- Rodan Family Foundation
- Jim Joseph Foundation
- Walter and Elise Haas Fund
- Opaline Foundation
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